

## **Congressman Childers Encourages Victims of Disaster to Apply for Assistance**

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Washington, DC - Congressman Travis Childers is urging victims of last month's severe storms and tornadoes in Northeast Mississippi to apply for assistance through the Small Business Administration (SBA) loan program. The SBA is now halfway through the physical disaster loan application period, and homeowners and renters who have suffered physical loss still have time to apply for assistance.

The areas hit most heavily by May's storms include Union, Benton, Lafayette, Lee, Marshall, Pontotoc, Prentiss and Tippah Counties.

"The people of Northeast Mississippi have worked hard to overcome the effects of recent natural disasters, and it is important that they are aware of available resources for assistance," said Congressman Travis Childers. "I urge disaster victims suffering from physical or economic loss in the affected counties to apply for SBA loans and to contact the SBA for further information."

Disaster loan applications are still available. Individuals interested in receiving loans may obtain applications by calling the SBA Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST. The application filing deadline for physical loss loan applications is July 11, 2008. The deadline for economic injury loans is February 12, 2009.

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